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1. IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO PROCESSING OF ORPHANS IN CAMBODIA IS NOT THE SAME AS IN VIETNAM. WE HAVE NOT HAD A PROGRAM IN THE PAST TO HANDLE ORPHANS BECAUSE THE PROBLEM HAS NOT BEEN ACUTE. THESE ORPHANS ARE THE VICTIMS OF COMBAT DEATHS OF THEIR PARENTS AND ARE NOT THE RESULT OF ILLEGITIMATE LIAISONS. FOREIGN ADOPTION AGENCIES HAVE NOT ESTABLISHED OFFICIAL PROGRAMS IN CAMBODIA.

2. ACCORDINGLY, THE GKR AND THIS MISSION HAVE STARTED DE NOVO TO SCREEN CAMBODIAN NEEDY CHILDREN, ONLY A PORTION OF WHOM ARE IN ORPHANAGES, IN ORDER TO DETERMINE

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THE TRUE ORPHAN POPULATION (I.E. CHILDREN WHO HAVE LOST

BOTH THEIR FATHER AND MOTHER). ONLY TRUE ORPHANS AND THOSE CHILDREN WHOSE LIVING RELATIVES SHOW PROOF THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE CHILD AND SIGN A RELEASE FOR THE CHILD TO BE ADOPTED ARE BEING PROCESSED FOR DEPARTURE FROM CAMBODIA. WE DO NOT YET HAVE AN ESTIMATED OF THE NUMBER OF CHILDREDN WHO WILL OR WILL NOT MEET THE CRITERIA OUTLINED IN REFTEL B. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION SUBSEQUENTLY.

3. IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ENCOURAGING THE MASS EVACUATION OF QUOTE ORPHANS UNQUOTE.
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